Sports bodies headed by non-professionals

*309. DR. NARAYAN SINGH MANAKLAO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that majority of the sports bodies in India are being headed by non-professionals and non-sportspersons;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the current practice in other sporting nations such as China, USA and Russia;

(d) whether Government intend to change the leadership of sports bodies to bring professionalism in sports; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) The National Sports Federation (NSFs) are registered autonomous organisations and their office bearers are elected as per their respective Constitutions/Memoranda of Association. On the basis of the information received from 56 NSFs, Presidents of approximately 70% NSFs have a sports background. Most of them are sports administrators and have extensive experience of working in the field of sports.

(c) the requisite information regarding China, USA and Russia is not available. In general, National Sports Federations are a part of the Olympic movement or are governed by the respective World Bodies. They have to adhere to the broad guidelines of the Olympic Charter and the guidelines of their respective National Olympic Committees and World Sports Bodies of the sport concerned.

(d) Sports figures in the 'State List' of the constitution and the Central Government do not have mandate to legislate on this matter.

(e) Does not arise.

Metro train service at night

*310. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of metro trains operating in the capital at present and the average number of passengers travelling daily in those trains; and

(b) whether Government propose to direct the Metro Corporation to operate night services also and if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) A total of 1105 metro train trips are being run on week days i.e. Monday to Saturday and 968 metro train trips on Sundays. On an average, about 4.55 lakhs passengers are travelling daily in these trains.

(b) Presently, last train timings at the terminal stations of the three operational lines are as under:

	Line-I (Shahdara-Rithala)		Line-2 (Vishwavidyalaya-Central Secretariat)		Line-3 (Dwarka Sector-09 to Barakhamba Road	
	Shahdara	Rithala	Vishwa-vidyalaya	Central Secretariat	Dwarka Sector-09	Barakhamba Road
Dep:	2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.	2250 Hrs.	2300 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.	2200 Hrs.
Arr:	2237 Hrs.	2237 Hrs.	2319Hrs.	2309 Hrs.	2247Hrs. (Dwarka)	2255Hrs.

At present extension of services beyond the above mentioned timings during nights is not under consideration because of meagre ridership after 2145 Hrs. Besides, time is required to undertake daily activities like cleaning of stations and trains, maintenance of track, equipment and installations as well as running of pilot trains each morning from 0410 Hrs. to ensure that everything is in order prior to commencement of commercial operations for the day.

Fund allocated for e-Governance

*311. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even though the country has achieved tremendous progress and development in Communication and Information Technology, the implementation of e-Governance at grass-root level still remains a matter of promise and yet to come true;

(b) whether Government have held any concrete consultation with the State Governments to implement e-Governance as mandatory;